



Joplin Junior College Prepares More Spacious Quarters



With Advent of Satellites Marking New Educational Era

The school year of 1957-58 marks the beginning of a new era in Joplin's higher educational system. The dream of adequate facilities, dear to the hearts of faculty and students alike, will become reality when Joplin Junior College opens its doors at the new location at Eighth and Pearl for the fall semester of 1958. This relocation was assured when the bond issue passed on January 28.

For 20 years, J.J.C. has occupied the old, familiar buildings at Fourth and Byers. During these two decades, many students have graduated and many others have attended classes for personal satisfaction. Over the years, an enviable tradition has developed, which will undoubtedly continue to thrive.

Accreditation from the American Association of Junior Colleges, the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the University of Missouri, and the State Department of Education attests the academic achievements.

The four principal objectives aim to provide an Arts and Science curriculum for those continue in colleges and universi-



ties; to offer semi-professional curriculums to enable graduates to enter fields bordering on the professional or technical work that do not require graduation from professional schools; to provide as many terminal, vocational curriculums as possible to meet the needs of students who do not wish to take more than two years to prepare for their life's work; and to offer opportunities for individuals not interested in college degrees, who want to enrich their cultural backgrounds and advance themselves vocationally.

Not only has our educational scene altered in these few short months but also the world. The arrival of the satellites — Sputnik, Explorer, and Vanguard — has ushered in the Space Age and increased international interest in education. Juco students were made intensely aware of this new age recently when a piece of a meteorite fell in the area. Pictured is the portion brought to the chemistry classes for analysis.

The last year spent at the present location has been a full and profitable one. Pictures of a few of the activities and pursuits of faculty and students follow.



International And Cultural Interests Zoom To Prominence During 1957 and 1958



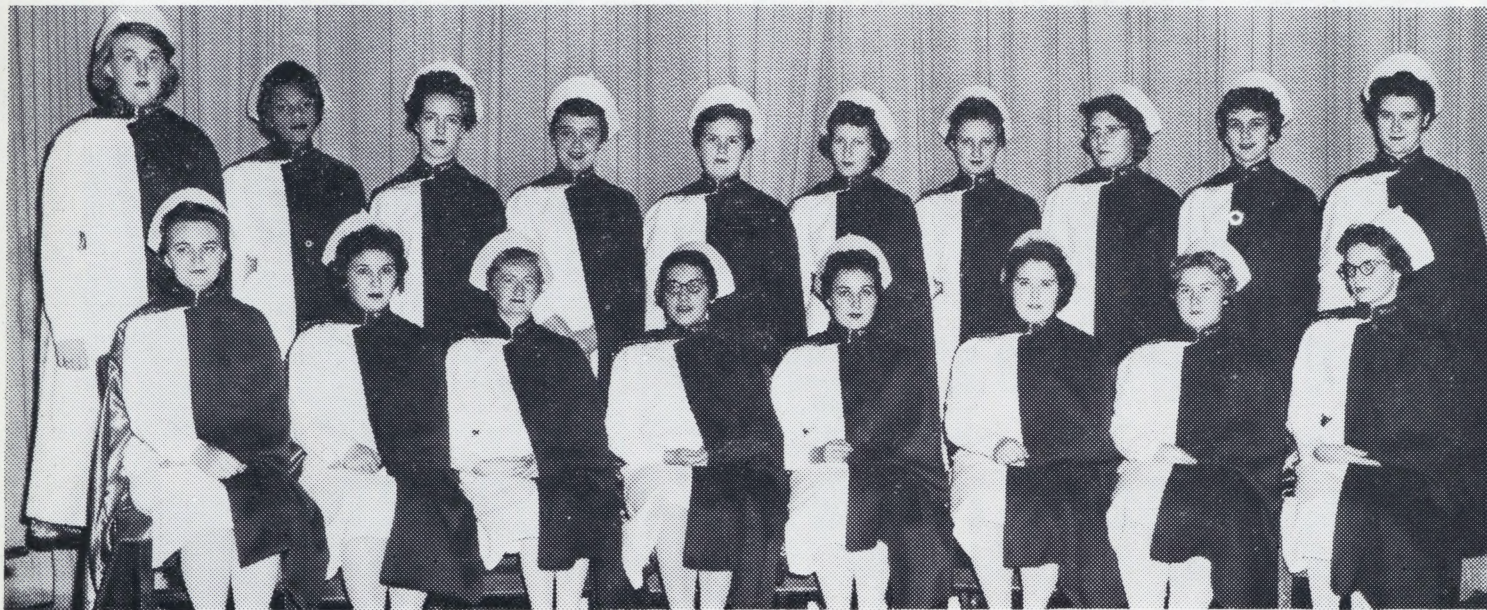
As the year ushered in the Age of Space, student and faculty interest in the world around them intensified. International affairs came closer and closer to home. Informal discussions such as the one above with Sungsoo Chun, engineering major from South Korea, became a frequent sight around school. The results of these discussions proved enjoyable and educational.

Our faculty lost no time in joining in the Sputnik move. They frequently discussed the changes which the new age brought about in all fields. History Instructor Harry C. Gockel highlighted enthusiasm with discussions of his and Mrs. Gockel's South American tour.

Freshmen and sophomores also enjoyed talking about world affairs. Several who had visited foreign countries had tales to tell about their adventures. The group below who are comparing notes formerly lived in Libya and Canada.

As our international interests increased, so did our cultural interests. The student-faculty assembly committee arranged for inspiring and entertaining programs throughout the year. Concerts and lectures by prominent persons highlighted Wednesday morning assemblies. The Community Concerts furnished enjoyment for all who presented their activity tickets.





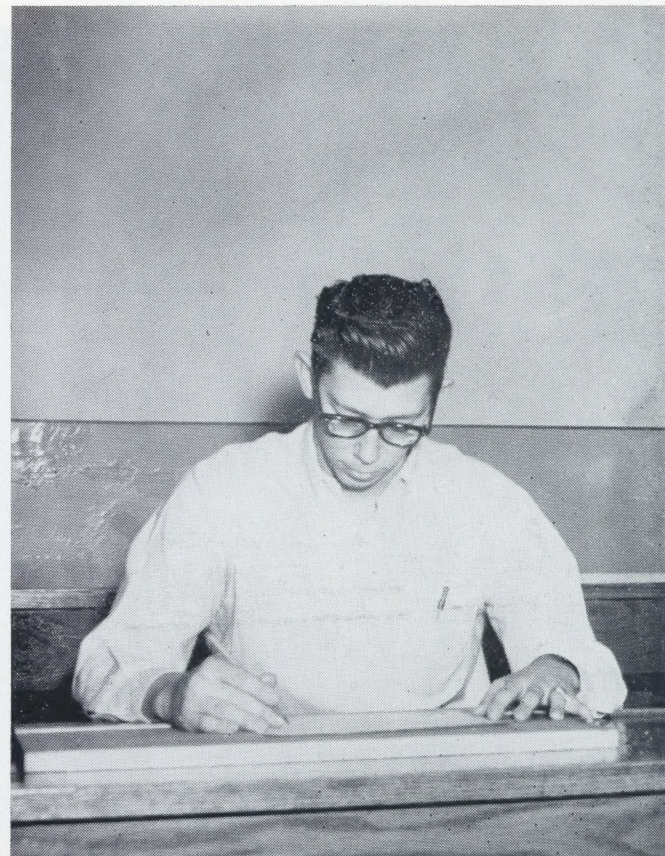
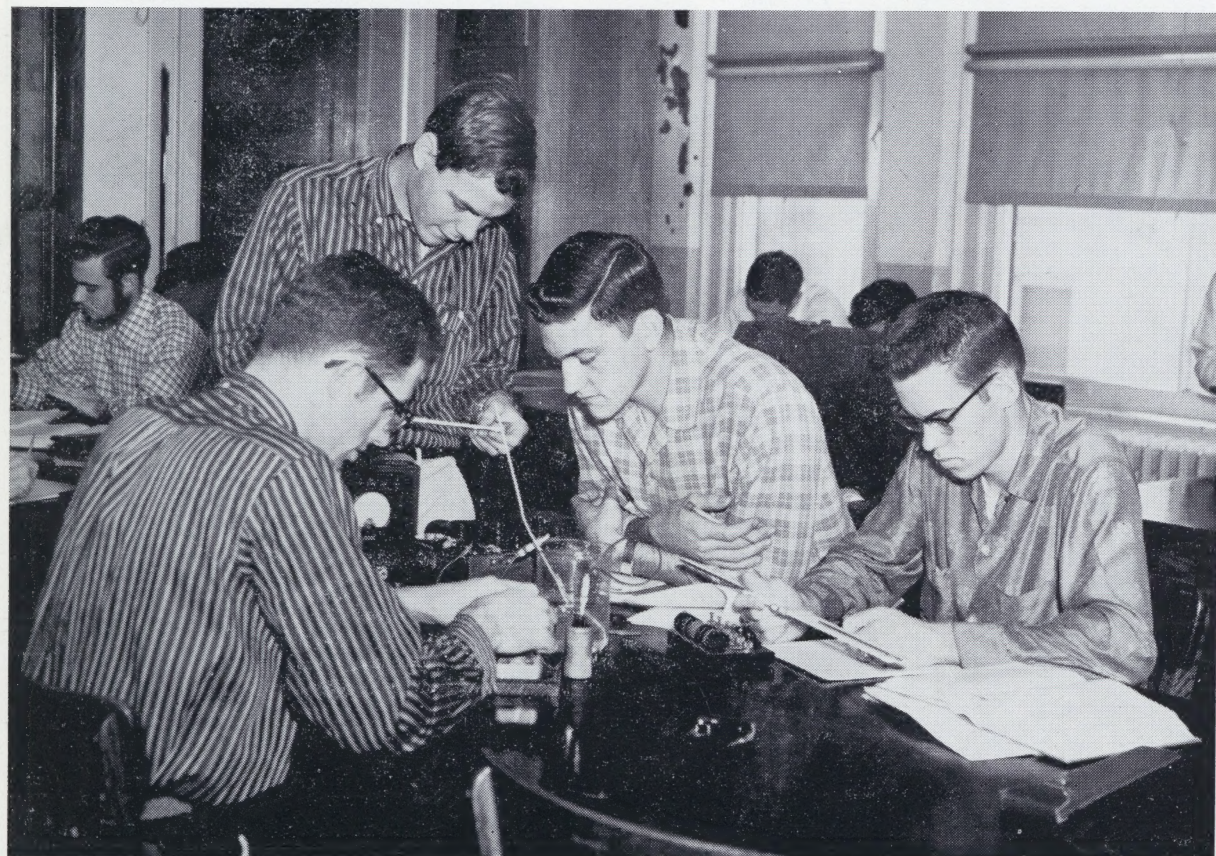
Girls enrolled in St. John's School of Nursing attend required courses in anatomy, English, and sociology the first semester at J.J.C. The student nurses were photographed after receiving their caps in a ceremony in the College auditorium.

Departmental Variety Makes Classroom Work Appeal to Many In the Search For Knowledge



Whether bowling in a girls' physical education class, learning to use office machines in a commercial class, discussing an experiment in engineering physics, or pondering an assignment in mechanical drawing, young people are aware of their educational advantages.

The students that crowd the library at all free periods bear witness to the fact that courses concerned with textbooks and hard study are offered at Joplin Junior College.



We're Joplin's First Interstate Junior College Conference Football Champions

Lions' Total Score: 305

Opponents' Total Score: 32

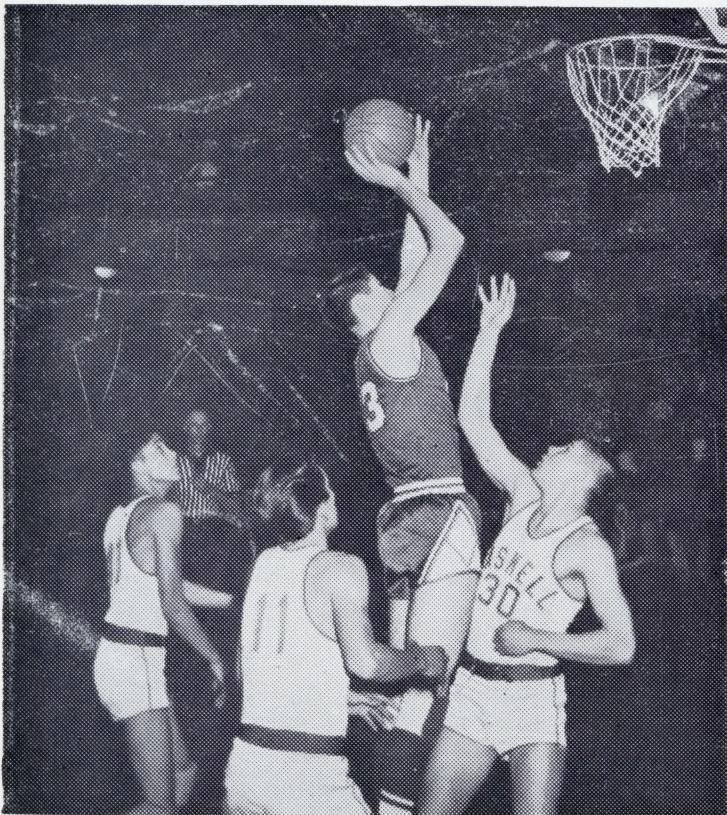


The Football Queen and Her Court Add Glamor to Homecoming Festivities



After a heartbreaking start, the basketball team pulled out of its 12-game losing streak to win four straight hardwood til's and capture third place in the I.J.C.C. The Lions scored an impressive total of over 1400 points during the 1957-1958 season.

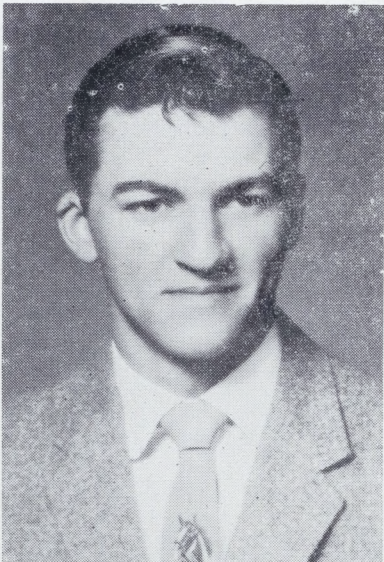
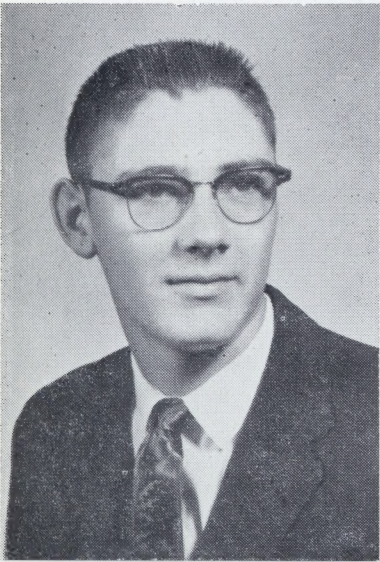
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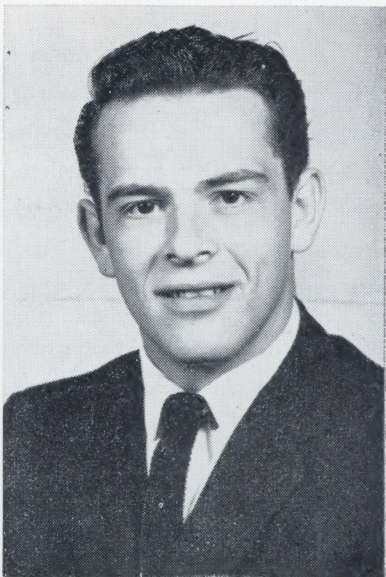
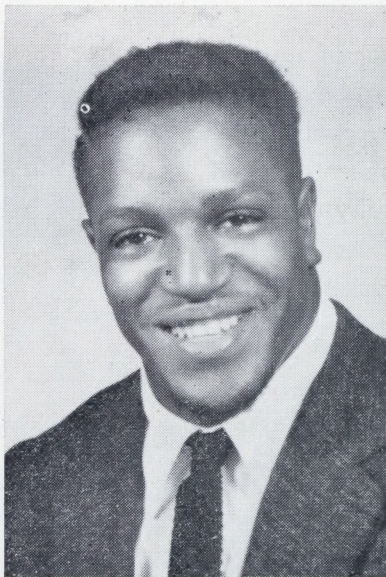


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Two pledges of Phi Theta Kappa receive their initiatory degrees. Eighteen students became members of the national Arts and Science scholastic fraternity at the beginning of the second semester. The purposes of the organization are to promote scholarship and to develop character.



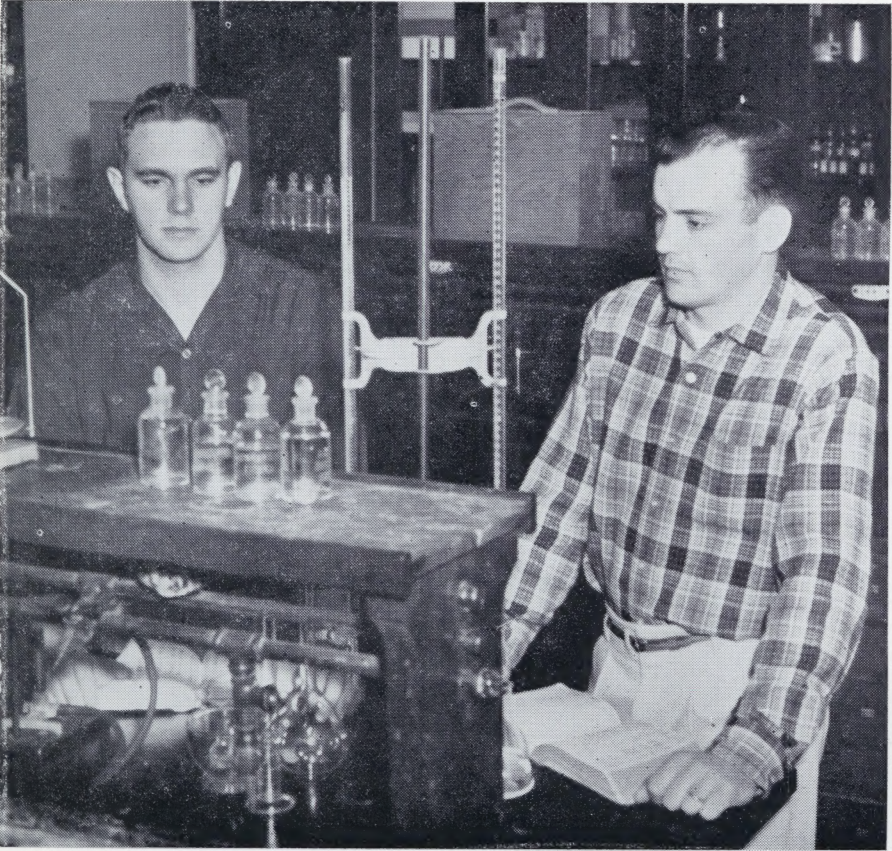
Joplin Junior College athletes Bob Keeling and Leo DeSpain were named to the 1958 All-Interstate Junior College Conference basketball team.



Juco's football prowess was indicated by the appointment of three players to honorary teams. Bill Kelley, captain of the '57 Lions, participated in the All-American East-West Bowl game for junior colleges at Jackson, Mississippi.

Myrl Gunn and Buster Brown were chosen for the All-Interstate Conference first team. In addition, Myrl became the first Missouri junior college player to be selected for the national All-American Junior College football squad.

Otis Hensley, Jr., arranges an experiment as he and Don Michael examine the handbooks awarded them in recognition of their individual achievements in freshman chemistry and mathematics.



Members of Pi Alpha Pi discuss plans for initiation ceremonies. The honorary scholastic business fraternity welcomed six new members during the second semester. The aims of the society are the promotion of scholarship and the development of leadership and personality.





Joplin Traditions Linger Despite Era of Sputnik

Although this has been a year of rapid scientific changes, we have observed many of the old customs. The annual Christmas assembly featured the College Players' inspiring presentation of "A Child Is Born." Students and faculty enjoyed singing carols around the beautifully decorated tree as we prepared to leave for the vacation.

As in years past, the Crossroads' ball proved one of the outstanding social activities of the year. Amid a Mardi Gras setting, the Queen reigned over the colorful event following her coronation.



The string trio and the Joplin Junior College Community Choir enriched our cultural life by playing and singing twentieth century music as well as the older masterpieces.



As Usual, Royalty, Thespians, and Musicians Flavor Junior College Days

While many international achievements made history, Juco set a precedent by holding its first St. Patrick's Day celebration. Sponsored by the Engineers' Club, the gaiety began with a beard-judging assembly, at which prizes were awarded. The observance included an afternoon parade and a dance in the evening. Highlighting the event was the crowning of the Lady of St. Patrick.



Vocal Instructor Oliver Sovereign rehearses the Joplin Junior College Community Choir for presentation of the "Seven Last Words" on Palm Sunday.



We Bid Farewell To The Familiar

The material aspects of the College will be easy to transfer to the new campus. It is something intangible that will be left behind. Although everyone concerned will be overjoyed to have more spacious quarters, it is impossible not to reflect upon the many students and instructors who will retain pleasant memories of the now rejected building. It will take time, but the new structure will achieve that aura of belonging.

Joplin Junior College students always abound in enthusiasm. Whether dancing at a student mixer or leading cheers on the gridiron, they never lack spirit. This spirit will be a part of the new location. There will be mixers, cheerleaders, and "snoopy newsmen" digging out new and startling facts.

Just as the 1937 organization was part of a nationwide movement to extend educational opportunities, so will the shift to larger quarters be part of a nationwide move to make those same opportunities bigger and better.



We Look Forward To An Expanding Juco In This New Building

Alma Mater

Our Alma Mater, we honor thee,
Shaping and guiding our destiny.
After we have parted,

As the years roll by,
We'll hold each memory.
Hail, hail, to thee.

